

**Greenvale Town Board
 Monthly Work Session and Regular Meeting
 Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

Board Members Present: Supervisor Anthony Rowan via conference call, Supervisor Charles Anderson, Chair Gregory Langer, Treasurer Wayne Peterson, Clerk Linus Langer

Guests Present: Richard Fott, Andy Anderson, Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton, Maynard Bolton, Jane Dilley, Dave & Cindy Roehl, Mark Legvold, Ruth Legvold, David Legvold, Eric Workman, Tom Wirtzfeld, Victor Volkert, Ron Welbaum, Jenn Welbaum, Terry Mulligan, others via conference call.

At 7:00 pm the pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited to open the meeting.

Minutes -- Chair Langer made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Anderson made a second and the motion passed.

Agenda – From the work session discussions the Board agreed on adding the following items: road work, wetland proposal, arpa, and solar array questions. Langer moved to approve the Agenda. Anderson made a second and the motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report – Peterson presented summary of town finances. The summary is also available in a public packet openly displayed.

9/1 Balance	Deposits	Checks	9/31 Balance	Outstand Checks	Total	9/1 Savings	Interest & CD’s	Grand Total
\$183,326	\$2,929	\$30,240	\$156,014	\$10,489	\$145,524	\$255,194	\$53,706	\$454,426

Anderson moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Langer made a second and the motion passed.

Clerk’s Report – Permits are keeping inspectors busy. If a permit does expire – whatever the delay - we do have extensions available and generally we would not add fees. Receipts on permits flow through the office to our Treasurer who “takes in” funds for the town. Procedures on receipts have been evolving with our own Greenvale best practices including coding efforts that benefit greater referencing and lookups (from, description, amount). Always any rework on permit applications are done with contractors in timely manner and required site packets are either mailed to contractors or placed in our town hall drop box.

Roads – Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton shared most recent maintenance and upkeep on our roads. Gravel edges were pulled in by the grader, bad spots were smoothed out with the blade, and sand bags were placed temporarily then removed with installation of new culvert on Jamaica Avenue. 200 tons of rock were placed on new parking area. A project requested by citizens at the 2021 Annual Meeting. Chair Langer had photos to share and thanked Jerry, Tony and TJ Grossman for good project management and excellent results. There was a sign missing on Hwy 19 and Holyoke for a while, but who’s sign... Langer negotiated one-time replacement with Dakota County and sends appreciation their way.

Building permits – Over-The-Counter (OTC) permits are still being issued as they come in from contractors – mostly roofing and siding. Waivers are available for do-it-yourself (DIY) permits that provide for acknowledging and complying with state building code. An interesting fact is we are less costly than neighboring communities and have even issued 1st ever curbside permit this summer (\$81 siding).

Weeds – Rowan shared on opportunity for reclaiming expenses with ongoing collaborative weed project. Some of the 2021 summer spending on noxious weed control to be submitted for reimbursement including

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time spent, equipment for spraying, and ditch cutting. Treasurer, Clerk & Rowan will move along the paperwork for other project partners to file with grant providers.

Hazelwood Creek Culvert/Bridge – Rowan is in contact with people at the County who may find help for a replacement project. Design concepts have evolved where our Road Contractor our Road Superintendent and the other Supervisors have contributed thoughts. Continue to ask around on likely costs...

Reflectors – Road Superintendent Jerry Bolton has realized need for more safety signs and makes the case with upcoming projects. Langer made a motion for a dozen or so new safety signs. Rowan made a second and all voted in favor. Motion passed.

Dakota County spraying noted and recognized by Anderson where applicators covered as much as six feet in on Co. Road go. Their efforts complement ours controlling harmful noxious weeds.

Broadband Fiber – Clerk noted Nuvera Telecom is making progress on their fiber-optics permit into the township. It's a short install on their very small exchange area but they are also working on capital budgeting that may include more fiber for their #1 prospect. Richard Fott and some other residences are already spliced in but not yet hooked up.

Planning Commission -- Mark Legvold delivered progress from the Planning Commission. Their 8/23 & 9/27 meetings went well but minutes are pending edits. There was a parcel split approved on review for Koeritz property, with future building permit request anticipated. Planning Commission Chair Bruce Paulson, Clerk, and Supervisor Tony Rowan to visit on pathway requesting grant funding towards adjustments to Zoning Ordinance. There were statements received on conflicts of interest, a business history, and personal comments regarding performance of the group. Reported next meeting is scheduled for November 1st. Rowan (on conference call) asked copies of submitted documents.

Audit – Clerk shared no news yet on scheduling of audit. A conference call will come in on 10/22 with State Auditor's Office to learn more... Audit TBD.

Bruce Paulson via conference call – Alex Conzemius (Planner) has replied on request for thoughts on writing grant with Dakota County. Conundrum is we should wait on hires and actual activities until application is processed and approved. A and B alternatives still not decided where one would review commercial questions and one would review whole zoning ordinance. Rowan via conference call suggested for now a whole zoning option. Rowan made a motion to proceed with the full wording and decide at our meeting next month. Langer made a second with caveat for the sake of discussion. He would not support adding commercial to our zoning. The motion passed x3.

Mark Legvold comments – Copy of his letter (mailed out) was shared on unfortunate experience at recent Planning Commission meeting. Made request for limiting derogatory comments at meetings including: no open comments, written outlines of comments, and one-strike removal. Mark thanked the Board of Supervisors for their consideration and time. Langer remembered same topic from years earlier and solutions offered. He will find old personal notes and bring to next meeting. Official records by law are in custody of the Clerk.

Wetland Project – Victor Volkert had information on an ARMY CORP conservation easement project within the township. Interesting benefits that will involve planning agencies other than the township but lead to

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public hearings – stay tuned. Langer shared info and depth on like project completed years ago on Hwy 3 in neighboring Waterford Township. Attendees expressed considerable interest. Volkert opined it's a win win.

8:05 Clerk/Zoning Admin had a sale/subdivision request recently submitted. Recommended approval, pending PC review. Rowan asked about copies. Paulson had preference for copies too and mentioned future guidelines being co-managed by PC members Richard Fott and Eric Workman. Legvold reflected on specifics in documents. Anderson, Langer and Rowan agreed to let it wait for the upcoming PC meeting.

Parking Lot Expansion – The parking lot expansion project succeeded. TJ Grossman worked with Jerry Bolton and Tony Rowan to ad parking space for community events including elections, the picnic and all our meetings. Lighting to be considered in future discussions.

NCRWMO – Eureka Township hosted the most recent meeting of the North Cannon River Watershed Management Organization. Langer attended as our representative and offered a summary, including a packet to rotate among Supervisors and interested citizens. Dues for the NCRWMO are calculated by formula. Ashley Gallager (SWCD) is willing to attend one of our next meetings to provide information on their work, fees and explanations how we benefit.

Residential Solar – Tom Williams' proposal was briefly discussed and referred to the Planning Commission.

MNSPECT – Our Building Inspector has a new partnership with another provider – SafeBuilt. Clerk will invite owner Scott Qualle to future meeting for updates.

PICNIC – Photos on the bulletin board. Working on a book to be available for purchase. Connie Cihak sent us a thank you card highlighting family, friends, faith, and fellowship. Other thanks expressed from all over for all the participants and helpers who made it so enjoyable.

Langer noted loss of dear Sue Van Eeckhout. Spouse of long serving Road Improvement Committee member Chuck Van Eeckhout. "May she have peaceful walks with the Lord."

American Rescue Plan Act aka ARPA – Peterson shared info on required reporting of use of ARPA funds. He's monitoring requirements and notes there are 4 specific categories where spending can be coded. 4/30/21 is one date (revised) to watch for 1st report. Treasury portal has guidance on non-entitlement units "NEU's" and local spending. Rowan asked about using funds for road projects and Peterson's research indicates yes, under one of the categories – possibly around \$4,000.

8:45 p.m. Pay Bills – claims had been reviewed in work session. All were approved and paid.

9:00 Meeting adjourned with motion from Langer and second from Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,

Attest,

Linus Langer/Clerk